

Sermon Notes

Peter 1

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A Living Hope

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I. Who Would You Invite to Dinner?

II. A Living Hope

A. Why Peter?

B. 1 and 2 Peter

1. The dating

2. The setting

III. 1 Peter 1

In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

A. The theological depth of a fisherman!

1. Born again

2. Imperishable inheritance

3. Apocalyptic promise

B. A Living Hope

1. Living. . .

2. Hope

a. Certainty vs. wishful thinking

b. *"Trust in the absolute certainty of the outcome that God has promised."*

c. Sure and certain

IV. 1 Peter's Message for Today

A. The red rocks of Sedona

B. The reality of suffering:

In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

C. The Living Hope that is ours:

"Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,"